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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO BEGIN

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN IN RESPONSE TO BEGIN'S MESSAGE OF JULY 10.
(TEXT SENT YOU BY SEPTTEL.) PLEASE DELIVER TO PRIME
MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 10.

I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND REMARKS CONCERNING VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE'S VISIT. I FULLY SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT IT HAS
STRENGTHENED THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUN-
TRIES.

I AM GLAD THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED MY PROPOSAL THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF EGYPT MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN LONDON ON JULY 18 AND 19. WE HOPE THAT THE LONDON TALKS WILL LEAD TO DIRECT CONTACTS THAT WILL HELP NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

I KNOW YOU SHARE MY CONVICTION THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MUST CONTINUE. WITH COOPERATION AND GOODWILL ON ALL SIDES, I AM HOPEFUL THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL BRING SUCCESS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I SHARE YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY. SINCE HIS ARREST ON MARCH 15, 1977, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONVEYED OUR CONCERN TO PRESIDENT BREZHNEV AND URGED THAT MR. SHCHARANSKY BE RELEASED AND PERMITTED TO RESETTLE IN ISRAEL. I HAVE INSTRUCTED SECRETARY VANCE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN GENEVA AND TO DELIVER FROM ME ANOTHER PERSONAL APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BREZHNEV ON MR. SHCHARANSKY'S BEHALF.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

JIMMY CARTER

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